

Hampton Roads--The Best Harbor on the Atlantic Coast

WITHIN TWO HOURS OF THE OCEAN. :: AN EASY AND SAFE CHANNEL

But the Compulsory Pilotage Rates Must Be as High as Those to Ports Far Removed from the Ocean, Difficult of Access and With a Congested Traffic

One of the most valuable possessions of Virginia is Hampton Roads and the harbors thereon.

But this value depends on its commerce. That its commerce should be encouraged, not unnecessarily taxed, would seem to be axiomatic. The necessary port charges should be as low as possible, *not as high as possible*.

And yet the argument used by the Virginia Pilots' Association, and which seems to have had its effect with members of the Legislature, is that the association should be given by law compulsory pilotage rates equal to those of American ports not as favorably situated.

Is the pilotage rate to be the same between the capes and Norfolk or Newport News, a distance which is covered in three hours, as between the capes and Baltimore, a distance which cannot be covered in less than 12 hours?

If the rate is fair to the Baltimore pilots it is grossly excessive for the Virginia Pilots.

Are the Virginia Pilots to have for three hours' work what the Baltimore Pilots have for twelve?

If there is any difference, in risk, in value to commerce, in responsibility, or in skill it is in favor of the Baltimore Pilots.

That which is true of Baltimore is true of Philadelphia, where the distance from the ocean

is 86 miles, and of New Orleans, where the distance is 90 miles. And even now the rates at New Orleans are under investigation.

And New York and Boston. Are these harbors, with their tortuous and congested channels, their heavy tides, and their storms and ice blockages in winter to be compared with Newport News and Norfolk?

Rates in One Port Not a Criterion in Another

The pilotage rates must be determined by the particular features of each port. What is proper in one is not a standard for another.

The whole theory of compulsory pilotage is to raise a sufficient sum to maintain a pilotage system throughout the year, giving the pilots a fair compensation. In a port where there are a comparatively few vessels a year and most of these enter and clear during certain months only, there must be the necessary number of pilots to handle the business during the active period. And in such a case the compulsory rate of pilotage is fixed so that a sufficient sum is raised from these vessels to maintain the system through the year and pay a reasonable compensation to the pilots.

The rate per vessel in such a case would be necessarily high. Must the same high compulsory rate be enforced where the necessity of

placing the total burden on a few vessels does not exist?

The only proper test in each case is what rate will give the Pilots a fair compensation.

It is reported that a Virginia Pilot gets twice as much as a New York or a Philadelphia Pilot.

We have to depend on report because the Virginia Pilots won't tell.

Come out and state the facts, gentlemen.

If you ask the Legislature to regulate your business and increase the rate that has to be paid you by law, tell the Legislature what each of you receive and how many days in a month on an average you work for that sum.

If your compensation was not fixed by law we would have no right to ask such questions.

But you request the Legislature to fix and increase your compensation, then tell what it is now.

Otherwise the Legislature cannot act intelligently.

We were under the impression that what advantages the harbors on Hampton Roads possessed in closeness to the ocean, in safety of navigation, in freedom from storm and ice, in straightness and wideness of channel and lack of congestion would be reaped by the ports.

By the new Pilotage Bill all these natural advantages of the Virginia ports will be reaped alone by the thirty-four active members of the Virginia Pilots' Association. The shipping interests, the commerce of the ports, the PUBLIC are ignored.

We Protest.

NORFOLK AND NEWPORT NEWS SHIPPING COMPANIES.

Y. M. C. A. Basketball League

The games in the Y. M. C. A. Basketball League last night have changed the standing of the leaders. By winning from the Deltas the Gammas jumped into first place, leaving the Alphas and Deltas tied for second place. The Sigmas, Kappas and Betas follow in the order named. On Thursday night of next week the order of games will be as follows: Baters vs. Alphas, Kappas vs. Gammas, Sigmas vs. Deltas.

Summary:
Gammas—J. H. Jones, left forward; E. D. Pearson, right forward; McC. Thomson, center; G. M. Schaefer, left guard; H. T. Leake, (captain), right guard; J. Shapiro, forward.

Deltas—S. E. Henning, left forward; I. Liebenstein, right forward; G. B. Bradley, center; R. A. Brock, left guard; M. F. Lawrence (captain), right guard; W. A. Collins, forward; P. W. Orchard, guard.

Sigmas—Gammas, 18; Deltas, 8.
Alphas—E. D. Johnson, left forward; F. A. Jett (captain), right forward; H. E. Gilliam, center; W. B. Sadler, left guard; W. A. Hutcheson, right guard; C. L. McClelland, left forward; H. T. Simpson, right forward; W. A. Bruce (captain), center; B. J. Coffman, left guard; W. A. Probst, right guard.

Kappas—W. A. Graves, left forward; J. D. Ewell, right forward; L. E. Van Sant, center; P. F. Thornton (captain), left guard; G. W. Roach, right guard; L. E. Twining, guard.

Alphas—W. G. Nuckolls, left forward; H. B. Cullen, right forward; A. J. Wells (captain), center; C. G. Burch, left guard; J. F. Fahr, right guard; D. Cohen, forward.

Score—Kappas, 12; Alphas, 11.

Standing of the Teams.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Gammas	7	3	.700
Alphas	6	4	.600
Deltas	6	4	.600
Sigmas	5	5	.500
Kappas	4	6	.400
Betas	2	8	.200

On Saturday afternoon, the 29th, at 4:30 o'clock, a return game will be played with Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. All interested in the game are invited to accompany the local as-

sociation team on the trip, leaving here on the 3 o'clock car.

AMERICAN CAR STILL AHEAD.

Severe Journey Across Northern Indiana With Snow Fence Deep.
KIDNAPING IND. February 20.—The American car in the New York to Paris automobile race, left here tonight on the journey westward. The French car, De Dion, having been towed in here by a farmer's team at 1 o'clock, may not be able to leave before morning.

The journey across Northern Indiana will be a severe one, as the snow has drifted along the roads even with the top of the fence on either side, and there has been little travel during the day to beat a track.

TAYLOR-BUTTER TEAM BEHIND IN SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE

BOSTON, February 20.—Nine of the teams in the six-day bicycle race at the Park Square Coliseum finished tonight's riding on the lap behind the Taylor-Butter team one lap behind. That team lost the lap during a spirited sprint led by John Beardsley and Fogler. During the night fifty-one miles were covered, bringing the total mileage to 205.

Dr. Hatcher Invited to Boston.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BOSTON, MASS., February 20.—An invitation will be extended to Dr. William E. Hatcher, of this city, by his lifelong friend, Rev. P. S. Henson, of Tremont Temple, to assist in several weeks of evangelical services to be conducted at the temple, beginning April 1st.

O'Brien—Thomas.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., February 20.—At Bedford City yesterday Mr. William A. O'Brien, Jr., of this city, and Miss Nina Thomas, of Roanoke, who has resided here in the past, were married, the ceremony being performed at the Baptist parsonage by the Rev. Mr. Collier. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien will reside here where they have a large circle of friends.

Dudman—Newsome.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
HEATHSVILLE, VA., February 20.—Miss Rosa Newsome, of Lottsburg, and Mr. Thomas Dodson, of Cherry Point, were married at the Methodist parsonage at this place yesterday, Rev. Mr. C. H. Williams officiating.

Page—White.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRIDGE BLUFF, VA., February 20.—A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated in the home of the bride here today at 3 o'clock, when Miss Louise Page, of Newport News, Va., and Rev. David H. Lewis officiating.

Only near friends and relatives of the family were present. The bride was handsomely gowned in a brown tailor-made suit, with hat and gloves to match. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. White, of this place. The groom is a prominent young business man of Newport News, Va., being connected with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. After returning from their wedding trip they will reside in Newport News.

Weddings in Albemarle.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 20.—Mr. William D. Glass, of this city, and Miss Mattie P. Johnson, of Louisa county, were married yesterday at the parsonage of the Belmont Methodist Church by the Rev. C. E. Pleasant.

Mr. Oscar L. Gibson and Mrs. Mollie McAuley, both of Albemarle, this county, were married this morning at the Rawlings Institute, the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Tribble performing the ceremony.

Deaths in Albemarle.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPOTSVILLE, VA., February 20.—Mr. Charles S. Thomas, of Alexandria, Va., and Miss Annie Curtis, of Spotsylvania county, were married today at high noon. Mr. Thomas is an employee of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, and the couple will reside in the future in this county.

CELEBRATE BIRTH OF WASHINGTON

Banks and Public Buildings in City Will Be Closed Tomorrow.

More than the usual preparations are being made in Richmond and all Virginia for the celebration of the birthday of George Washington tomorrow. The day being a legal holiday, all banks, public buildings and offices will be closed. Unfortunately for the children in the public schools, the twenty-second this year falls on Saturday. However, their tasks will be lightened to-day, and most of the time will be taken up with honoring the memory of the Father of His Country.

Among the people generally the day will be one of considerable merry-making. Practically all the clubs and organizations will celebrate, each in the way which to it seems most appropriate and enjoyable. There will be innumerable George Washington parties, Colonial teas and dances and "cherry tree" entertainments.

New Haven Guard Comes.
The most important public event in Richmond will be the reception of the delegation from the Governor's Foot Guard, of New Haven, Conn., by the Richmond Light Infantry Blues. The Guard will arrive by way of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad at 7:30 A. M. to-morrow, will be met at the depot by a detachment from the Blues, and escorted to the Jefferson Hotel. The morning will be spent by the visitors in going around the city, accompanied by officers of the local battalion.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon they will participate in the dress parade of the Blues, the officers of the battalion dining with them at the Jefferson at 4 o'clock. At 8 o'clock they will be guests of honor at a banquet by the Blues at Murphy's Hotel, at which time the clock brought by the Guard as a token of appreciation for the reception extended to them on their recent visit to Richmond will be presented.

Orders Issued.
Orders for the day, signed by Adjutant Le Masurier, are as follows:
I. This command is ordered to re-

ceive the clock from the Blues. The clock is a magnificent piece of work, which will grace the Blues' armory when that is completed. It is made of mahogany, beautifully carved throughout. It stands about eight feet tall. On the face is a gold plate, upon which is inscribed the following:
"Presented to the Richmond Light Infantry Blues by the Second Company of the Governor's Foot Guard of Connecticut, in remembrance of October 18, 1907."

After the celebration the Blues will form in the Capitol Square, and Captain Edward S. Beecher, a descendant of Thaddeus Beecher, one of the original Foot Guards, will make the speech of presentation. Major Bowles will receive the clock for the Blues.

Post-Office Hours.
Postmaster Royal E. Cabell announced yesterday that in honor of the celebration of Washington's Birthday, the following schedule of holiday hours will be observed in the Richmond post-office:
Stamp window will be open from 8 A. M. until 12 Noon, and from 3 P. M. to 7 P. M.
General delivery will be open from 8 A. M. to 12 Noon, and 3 P. M. to 7 P. M.
Carriers' window will be open from 9 A. M. to 12 Noon.
Carriers will make deliveries as follows:
Two and three trip men will make one delivery, leaving office at 9:30 A. M. Four, five and six trip carriers will make two deliveries, ending at 12 Noon, or as near that time as possible.

Collections will be made as follows: Carriers will collect boxes on their routes. Regular collectors will make three collections—3 A. M., 12 Noon and 5 P. M. Noon collection to extend only through business district.

Stations A and B will observe same hours as main office, except that they will not be open in afternoon or evening.

Dispatch of mails to stations as follows:
A—6 A. M., 8:30 A. M. and 11 A. M.
B—6 A. M., 9:30 A. M. and 11 A. M.

White Men Arrested.
Fred Albright and Max Bernstein, two young white men, were arrested last night, charged with assaulting T. B. Mabens. They were held at the First Police Station. Both denied the guilt.

Walter Hall and Albert Ramos, both white, were arrested last night on the charge of cursing, abusing and threatening to kill Peyton Morse. They will be held at the Police Court to-day.

ODD-FELLOWS' BIG MEETING

Members of Legislature Address Lodges and Arouse Much Enthusiasm.

The joint meeting of Metropolitan Lodge of Odd-Fellows and Belvidere Lodge, growing out of the official visitation of the latter last night, was a decided success. Marshall Hall was comfortably filled with more than 100 members of the fraternity. Noble Grand Sutherland, of Belvidere Lodge, delivered a speech, and was followed by Senator Roland E. Chase, who is a past master of the State, and who aroused much enthusiasm by his ringing words. When grand master last year Mr. Chase visited more lodges than any officer who ever preceded him.

Judge Williams, of the Legislature, from Wytheville, who was introduced as a visiting Odd-Fellow, spoke briefly, receiving much applause. Mr. Hanger, a clerk in the Senate, made a short talk.

Frank Butler was master of ceremonies, and was very happy in his introduction of Grand Secretary T. Wiley Davis. The many witty remarks of the genial secretary evoked much laughter.

The singing of "Anchored" and "Time and Tide" by Mr. John Minter was highly appreciated. The Rev. Mr. Ryder closed the meeting with appropriate remarks.

FROM INN TO HOTEL

Hotel St. Regis Contrasted With the Inn of Olden Times.

Dr. Johnson, who loved to smoke his pipe at the old Mitre Inn, once remarked, "There is nothing which has been contrived by man by which so much happiness is provided as by a good tavern." If the old English inn of his day, with sanded floor and cobwebbed rafters, its wooden benches and pewter ale pots, could inspire such an encomium, what would the author of "Rasselas" say could he enter such a great modern hostelry as the St. Regis in New York?

Here is a palace such as the great monarchs of his time would have delighted to occupy. Within its walls are utilities and beauties, luxury and magnificence of which these monarchs never dreamed.

And yet in the St. Regis, contrary to certain sensational reports that once gained circulation, there is entire absence of effulgent display and tawdry glitter. There is wealth everywhere, but it is the wealth of exquisite beauty and harmony. There is splendor, but it is that of perfect workmanship and adaptability to the one purpose for which this hotel was planned—the comfort and convenience of all who enter its portals.

When we reflect that the enjoyment of such a delectable and inviting hotel is within the means of the ordinary American (a large, elegantly furnished room being obtainable for only \$4 a day, and the same with private bath for \$12), we gain some idea of the wonderful popularity of this modern establishment. Another fact which has contributed greatly to its success is that the charges in the restaurant are no higher than in other first-class hotels.

place remarks, and the secretary read letters of good cheer from grand officers residing at a distance. The Belvidere Lodge, No. 363, will next month pay an official call on Aurora Lodge at Fraternity Hall.

GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE CHERRY TREE

The "Cherry Tree Picking" at the Church of the Covenant to-night promises to be one of the most unique affairs of the season. The tree was secured yesterday from Thompson's flower garden on the Cary Street Road, and is a whopper, estimated to be about 200 cherries. In place of a seed each cherry will have in it a present of some kind. The "loading" of the tree will be under the supervision of Miss Margaret McKee, who will also superintend the distribution of the branches after the tree has been cut down by George Washington, otherwise known as Mr. George Shaffer. The proceeds of the affair will go to the pulpit fund of the church. There will be no admission fee.

Charged With Stealing.
Matt Doss, a white man, charged with stealing \$5 from it, B. Vauman, of No. 132 East Franklin Street, was locked up in the East Police Station yesterday afternoon. Doss is a porter and market man, and was charged with having stolen the money while Vauman was out of the restaurant.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Rebecca Hunsford Bland.
After a brief illness Mrs. Rebecca Hunsford Bland, of Richmond, died on Thursday, of last week, at the home of her niece, Mrs. L. W. Hamlet, of Fairfax, Va., in the seventy-sixth year of her age.

Mrs. Bland was the wife of Peter Porters Bland, of Prince George county. Her father, Mr. James Spelcey, listed in the Revolutionary War the record of his honorable discharge being in Washington, and his name on the register of the State Library here.

Nathaniel Edwards, her great-grandfather, was a signer of the nonimportation act. She was a devoted member of the Episcopal Church and a faithful teacher in the Sunday school.

Mrs. Sallie Bradshaw.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CLUSTER SPRINGS, VA., February 20.—Mrs. Sallie Stanford Bradshaw, aged seventy-eight years, formerly of Orange county, N. C., died yesterday afternoon at the home of her son-in-law, Luther C. Adams, Esq., of this neighborhood.

She was the widow of William T. Bradshaw and granddaughter of Hon. Richard Stanford, member of Congress from N. C. for twenty years in the early part of the last century, and the first member of the body to be called "Father of the House," a sobriquet bestowed upon him in debate by John Randolph of Roanoke, with whom he served in Congress. Mrs. Bradshaw leaves four sons and daughters, among the number Mrs. Luther C. Adams and John L. Bradshaw, of Fairfax, and William Gaston Bradshaw, Esq., of Durham, N. C.

The funeral and interment took place this afternoon at Cedar Grove Methodist Church, and was conducted by Rev. W. A. Jeffreys, the pastor. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives being present.

Funeral of Robertson.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 20.—The funeral of Mr. Robert Robertson, former superintendent of grounds and buildings at the University of Virginia, took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of his father, Captain Harrison Robertson, on High Street. He was the eldest son of Captain Harrison Robertson and Mrs. Ellen Marshall Robertson, and a grandson of Chief Justice Marshall. He was born August 30, 1851, and spent his boyhood in Danville, Va., and later finished his education at the University of Virginia and at Harvard. He was at one time in the United States Geological Survey.

A. A. Moody.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LANCASTER, VA., February 20.—Mr. A. A. Moody, one of the most respected and useful citizens of this county, died here on Tuesday. He was born in Boynton, Va., August 31, 1834, and was married in 1857 to Miss Mary E. Leland, of this county.

June 20, 1863, served as first lieutenant of the Lacy Rifles, Fifty-fifth Regiment, Confederate Army, during the war, lived a few years after the war in Petersburg; then returned to Lancaster, where the rest of his life was spent. For several years he was clerk of the County Court.

He was a Christian gentleman, and one of Lancaster's most useful citizens. He was member of the school board, and was largely instrumental in establishing the high school which has been such a blessing to the community.

He is survived by his widow and one sister—Miss Margaret E. Moody—who lives in Petersburg, Va.

Miss Sallie E. Fletcher.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ONANCOCK, VA., February 20.—Miss Sallie E. Fletcher died at the home of her nephew, Mr. Thomas E. Fletcher, Tuesday, aged eighty-two years. She was stricken with paralysis more than a year ago, and had been almost helpless for several months.

Services were conducted this afternoon by the Rev. J. J. Cornick, of the Episcopal Church, and interment was made in the family burying ground near Jenkins's Bridge. Miss Fletcher was the oldest of eight brothers and sisters, and of twenty cousins, and outlived them all except Captain Spencer W. Fletcher, of Cape Charles, Va.

C. Julian Paoli.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 20.—Mr. C. Julian Paoli, a well-known druggist, member of the firm of C. R. Link & Co., suffered a stroke of apoplexy at 1:30 this morning, and two hours later passed away in his room in the Rosser Building. He at one time conducted a drug business in Richmond.

Deaths.
BOWEN.—Died last night at 10:20 o'clock, at the residence of her brother, Mr. J. Norman Bowen, Belle Meade, Chesterfield county, in her thirtieth year, Miss JOTTIE BOWEN. She is survived by three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral notice later.

GATES.—Died, Thursday, February 20th, at 12 o'clock, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Oberly, 822 North Twenty-sixth Street, Mrs. MARY S. GATES, in the fifty-sixth year of her age. She leaves four children to mourn their loss—Mrs. Mamie Oberly, Mrs. Pearl Bagby, Messrs. W. H. and J. W. Gates.

Funeral from Leigh Street Baptist Church, SATURDAY, February 22d, at 3 P. M. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

Darling mother, thou hast left us. And we long for you in vain. But we know that thou art freed from All thy earthly care and pain: Freed from suffering, thy spirit. And in perfect peace thy soul. Dearest mother, thou hast entered In the blessed heavenly goal.

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